

March 16, 2025 | 8:00AM & 10:30AM

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Church on the Corner whose Cornerstone is Christ



Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together

*We are a community of faith founded upon God's Holy Word,
preaching salvation through believing in Christ as our Savior.*

We seek to live in God's truth, being obedient to His Word and following in His ways.

Welcome! We are so glad you are here.

Welcome to SJCC! We are so glad you have chosen to join us as we worship the Lord together. We hope you feel God's love in a refreshing way. Please let one of our ushers know you're new (*they may have already noticed your new face!*) so they can give you a welcome bag filled with helpful information about our church. We also invite you to fill out a quick survey so we can get to know you a little better. Simply scan the QR code to the right with your phone's camera while you're waiting for worship to start!



Nursery Care/Mother's Room/Diaper Changing Stations



Nursery Care is offered during our 10:30AM service for children ages four months through preschool in the second floor room labelled "Artisan's Tent." Parents can register children for Nursery Care online at www.stjohnsarchbold.org/nursery or by scanning the QR code to the left before checking into the nursery for the first time. We also have a Mother's Room located outside of the sanctuary for nursing mothers and/or mothers with young infants and toddlers. Diaper changing stations are located in both the Mother's Room and the Nursery. An usher will gladly direct you if needed!

Children's Busy Bags are located in the sanctuary narthex for children ages one-year to third grade. Bags are marked by age (**Pink** = Ages 1-2; **Green** = Ages 3-5; **Yellow** = Grades K-3). Please be sure to return bags at the end of our service today. If you would like to mark a bag specifically for your child(ren) each week, please contact the church office.

Give & Take Board

Do you need a little peace in your day? Confidence? What about self-control? Are you in need of a spiritual pick-me-up? Could you use a quick bit of kindness after a long week? Or do you have these things to spare? Then stop by the Give and Take Board outside of the Preschool Room! Give what you can and take what you need. You just might feel or fill someone's heart with the love of God and make their week brighter!

Large Print Bulletins are available at a table in the sanctuary narthex.

Hearing Assistance is provided by our system for hearing aids with a "loop system" switch position.

Let's Connect!



WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP OF GOD!

Second Sunday of Lent

Enter to Worship God in the Fellowship of Others

“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise.” (Psalm 100:4)

Ringling of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

“To the Glory of God, and for the Calling of the Faithful to Worship.” (Inscribed on the Bells)

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 119:1-2, 7-12 (p. 607)

(8:00) Prelude

“Worthy is the Lamb”

(10:30) Call to Worship

“How Beautiful the Wounds”

“A time of centering our thoughts on our worship of God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit”

† (8:00) Hymns of Praise

bulletin page #6, “Teach Me, O Lord”
#201, “Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

† (10:30) Songs of Praise

“Man of Sorrows”
“Victory in Jesus”

† Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

Special Music

Sarah Kinsman & Bruce Wooley

“There was Jesus”

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)

Scripture Reading

Matthew 27:27-31 (p. 988)

Sermon

“A Crown of Thorns”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Lead Me to Calvary”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

† (8:00) Closing Hymn

#189, “Calvary Covers it All”

† (10:30) Closing Song

“Crown Him”

† Spoken Benediction

† (8:00) Benediction in Song

#372, v. 2, “Living for Jesus”

† (10:30) Benediction in Song

chorus, “Man of Sorrows”

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 119:1-2, 7-12 Blessed are they whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord. ² Blessed are they who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart. ⁷ I will praise you with an upright heart as I learn your righteous laws. ⁸ I will obey your decrees; do not utterly forsake me. ⁹ How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. ¹⁰ I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. ¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. ¹² Praise be to you, O Lord; teach me your decrees.

Matthew 27:27-31 Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. ²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. ³⁰ They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. ³¹ After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

MISSION-A-MONTH - FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

The Friendship House is an Archbold ministry supported by area churches and coordinated by Cecily Rohrs. This two-story home located near downtown Archbold is designed to provide shelter for one or two individual or family units at a time until they are able to become self-sufficient. The Friendship House is endorsed by the Archbold Area Ministerial Association and is coordinated by a volunteer board.

This month, we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this community ministry that strives to care for those in need of a place to stay and have a fresh start in life. You can give to the Friendship House by marking Line 8 of your offering envelope or by selecting "Friendship House" in the "Give to" drop-down menu in Breeze's online giving feature.

SERMON NOTES - "A CROWN OF THORNS"

After the trial, and before the crucifixion...

- ◆ Governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium
- ◆ Soldiers stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him
- ◆ Soldiers set a crown of thorns on his head
- ◆ Soldiers put a staff in his hand, knelt before him and mocked him
- ◆ Soldiers spit on him, struck him with the staff, again and again
- ◆ Soldiers took off the robe and put his own clothes on him
- ◆ Soldiers led him away to crucify him

Matthew 16:24-25 – "Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.""

- ◆ Self-denial
- ◆ Cross-bearing
- ◆ Follow Jesus
- ◆ Saving/Losing life
- ◆ Losing/Finding life

Philippians 2:1-11

- ◆ Like-minded
- ◆ Same love
- ◆ One in spirit and purpose
- ◆ Forget selfish ambition and vain conceit
- ◆ Humility
- ◆ Your own interests and interests of others
- ◆ Attitude...

356 TEACH ME, O LORD

BISHOP L.M.

Based on Psalm 119: 33-40
Psalter, 1912

Joseph P. Holbrook, c. 1878

1 Teach me, O Lord, Thy way of truth, And from it
2 In Thy com - mand - ments make me walk, For in Thy
3 Turn Thou my eyes from van - i - ty, And cause me
4 Turn Thou a - way re - proach and fear, Thy right - eous

I will not de - part; That I may stead - fast -
law my joy shall be; Give me a heart that
in Thy ways to tread; O let Thy serv - ant
judg - ments I con - fess; To know Thy pre - cepts

ly o - bey, Give me an un - der - stand - ing heart.
loves Thy will, From dis - con - tent and en - vy free.
prove Thy Word, And thus to god - ly fear be led.
I de - sire, Re - vive me in Thy right - eous - ness. A - men.

BULLETIN STEWARDSHIP REPORT UPDATED MARCH 13, 2025

Operating Fund Year to Date Report

2025 Operating Budget	\$	437,965.00
Total Donations	\$	82,278.06
Total Expense	\$	64,251.11
Net Operating Balance	\$	18,026.95

Mission Fund Year to Date Report

2025 Mission Budget	\$	173,000.00
Total Donations	\$	32,882.80
Total Disbursements	\$	31,108.04
Net Mission Balance	\$	1,774.76

Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

2025 Project Budget		\$2,757,000.00
Fund Balance (EGR)	\$2,060,327.78	
Buehrer Fund Current	\$ 3,743.75	
Fund Balance (F&M)	\$ 115,391.03	
Expenses to Date	\$ 480,110.84	
Total	\$2,659,573.40	
Funds Still to be Raised		\$ 97,426.60

GIDEON CARD MINISTRY

As a way of encouraging, caring and supporting people, there are Gideon cards available in the sanctuary narthex. Card themes include: Thinking of you...Praying for You...Sympathy...In Recognition. Each card enables the sender to donate towards Gideon Bible distributions, too. As the Gideon's say, Give a Card, Send the Word, Change a Life!

BUILDING PROJECT STATUS REPORT AS OF MARCH 13, 2025

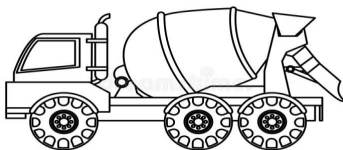
- ◆ Mel Lanzer, the general contractor, worked to set the forms and rebar for the concrete walls of the elevator shaft, requiring a special inspection by a firm prior to the concrete pour. The walls were poured on Thursday. The crew will repair the floor around the shaft, then the crew will begin the process of shoring up the first floor ceiling to then cut the hole in the ceiling for the elevator shaft to the second floor.
- ◆ Weberding's Carving Shop, the company contracted for the sanctuary pews, will be on site on April 21st to dismantle and remove the pews. The plan is to then have Total Environmental Services on site the following week for asbestos abatement in the sanctuary. It might work that Sunday, April 27th, in between the pew removal and the asbestos abatement, will be the final Sunday worship is held in the sanctuary until that phase of the project is finished. No pews? Where will we sit? We will make use of new sanctuary chairs, chapel chairs, and the chapel unity seating we have on hand.
- ◆ We continue to wait on word about when the companies involved with the installation of the new electric service can start that part of the project.

The schedule of work for Phase One – New Restrooms and Elevator:

- ◆ The work on the new restrooms is behind schedule and we haven't heard of a new schedule yet.
- ◆ The elevator shaft and elevator installation will be worked on through August

The schedule of work for Phase Two – Sanctuary

- ◆ April 21st – Sanctuary pew removal
- ◆ April 28th – Sanctuary asbestos removal
- ◆ Sanctuary work is to be completed by July 28



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **To the Congregation at St. Johns** - I wanted to say thank you for all of the support and prayers I have received through the mail over the last few weeks following my recent diagnosis. Your support has been great comfort and has given me strength in this time. I am blessed to know how many people have been thinking about me, and sending me positive messages through this tough diagnosis. I want to thank everyone who has prayed over me and sent me comfort! Thank you all, Josie Grieser
- ◆ **Becoming a Member of SJCC** - Introduction and Orientation Sessions - SJCC invites people interested in becoming a member of the congregation to gather with Pastor Erich to explore the faith beliefs, history and ministries of the church, as well as the expectations of membership at SJCC. Sessions include three group gatherings and an individual gathering with each person, couple or family. Anyone interested in attending a gathering is asked to email Pastor Erich (pastorerich@stjohnsarchbold.org) and he will work to schedule future sessions.
- ◆ **2025 Easter Flowers - Order Deadline is TODAY, Sunday, March 16th**. The Easter Flower order form is posted on the wandering bulletin board. Flower selections include daffodils, lilies, and a variety of colors of hyacinths, tulips, and mums. The cost is \$12 each.
- ◆ **Third Thursday Senior Luncheon** - For Senior Citizens and Any and All! March's Third Thursday Lunch falls on **March 20th, beginning at 11:30AM** in the chapel. Following an always delicious meal and some blessed table fellowship, we will consider aspects of Lent.
- ◆ **Donut Fellowship** - The Fellowship Committee invites you to share in their Donut Fellowship on **March 23rd, 9:00AM to 9:30AM**, featuring donuts, coffee and juice!
- ◆ **GIF Gals** - How many remember way back when you were a little girl going to bed, and being wished a "good night and sweet dreams". Well this month that wish is going to come true as the GIF Gals are going to lunch at "SWEET DREAMS" Ice Cream shop in Napoleon, on **March 27th, 11:30AM**. Come and make your dreams come true! Signup sheet on the bulletin board.
- ◆ **Man Camp Sign Up!** - Join us for the MANLIEST WEEKEND OF YOUR YEAR including biblical teaching, paintball, hatchet throwing, zipline & high ropes, basketball, grill your own steak, trap shooting, archery and mountain biking! **March 28-30th**. Signup sheet on the wandering bulletin board. Call/text Bruce Wooley, 419-572-6678, with any questions.
- ◆ **Pettisville Man Cave Ministries** - Master Teague III & Kamryn Babb at the Archbold Evan Church on **Sunday, April 13th, 6:30PM**. Doors open at 5:45PM. Free for men of all ages.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

- ◆ **Women's Retreat 2025** - Join us for an encouraging weekend at Miracle Camp, located in Lawton, Michigan. It is a beautiful place to step away from your routine and spend time with God. Enjoy worshiping with other women, Biblical teachings, great food and a variety of activities. We will be staying at the (hotel style) Lodge the weekend of **April 11-13th**. The cost is \$210 and includes meals Saturday through Sunday morning and snacks. There will be a sign-up sheet outside of the office. For more information talk with Sarah Kinsman or Carrie Wooley.
- ◆ **College Scholarship Application** - St. John's Christian Church offers College Scholarship's each year to active members who are either attending or planning to attend college in the coming year. The scholarship is available to all full-time traditional and non-traditional college students. The application can be found under the "Resources" tab on the church website (www.stjohnsarchbold.org), with **all components of the application due by April 15th**. If you have any questions, please contact Jocelyn Walker at jwalker@stjohnsarchbold.org.
- ◆ **Lock-In Chaperones Needed** - In preparation for Jocelyn's upcoming maternity leave in mid-May, we are seeking 2-3 individuals willing to chaperone lock-ins for both JYF and SYF on **May 30th**. JYF's Late Night Lock-In will be held at The Outback Youth Center from 7PM to midnight. SYF's full night lock-in will be held at St. Martin's Lutheran Church from 7PM – 7AM, with chaperones needed from 1:00AM to 7:00AM. If you are interested or willing to help with either of these events, please contact Jocelyn. Thank you for helping us make this night possible for our youth!

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	Buffy Riley
Song Leader	(8:00) Andrew Rohrs (10:30) Praise Team
Worship Leader	Brad Roth
Children's Message	Jocelyn Walker
Acolytes	(8:00) Kamy Link (10:30) Ethan Krukowski
Easy Worship	Tom Hines
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey (10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Cayla Swisher
Nursery	(10:30) Bri Krukowski & Emma Krukowski
Usher	(8:00) Shawn Stuckey
Head Usher	Matt Hines
Ushers	(10:30) Madison Bowers, Jill Holdgreve, Avery Roth, Steve Walker
Praise Team:	Lynne Christman, Norm Fether, Buffy Riley, Jocelyn Walker, Bruce Wooley

WEEK OF MARCH 16TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

- Sun Second Sunday of Lent
8:00AM Worship (Sanctuary)
8:30AM Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
9:15AM Faith Village/Sunday School
10:30AM Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
- Mon 6:15PM Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
7:15PM Consistory (Fireside Room)
- Tue 9:15AM Bible Study (Fireside Room)
10:30AM Staff Meeting (Part-time Staff Office)
5:00PM Community Meal (SJCC)
- Wed 6:00PM LOGOS (Gym)/Confirmation (Confirmation Room)
7:00PM JYF (Fireside Room)/Life Planning (Gym)
7:00PM Evening Lent Service (Chapel)
8:00PM Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
- Thur 11:30AM Third Thursday Senior Luncheon (Chapel)
6:00PM Girl Scouts (Fireside Room)
- Fri 7:10AM Rest & Restoration Bible Study (Rest & Restoration Spa)
- Sun Third Sunday of Lent
8:00AM Worship (Sanctuary)
8:30AM Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
9:00AM Donut Fellowship (Gym)
9:15AM Faith Village/Sunday School
10:30AM Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
6:00PM Seekers (Kuntz's)

DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

- Mar 17 Deserving of Honor-----John 8:48-59
Mar 18 Clear Vision-----John 9:1-12
Mar 19 Blind Spots-----John 9:13-34
Mar 20 A Life Turned Around-----John 9:35-41
Mar 21 The Sheep and the Gate-----John 10:1-10
Mar 22 The Sheep and the Shepherd-----John 10:11-21
Mar 23 Humble, Held, Hopeful-----Psalm 131

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Chloe Merillat, granddaughter of Roger & Kay, who's weight has stabilized and will await next round of scheduled scans.
- ◆ Josie Grieser, daughter of Craig, diagnosed with MS and receiving treatments.
- ◆ Todd & Ruthann Buehrer, brother of Ben, as he continues through chemo treatments.
- ◆ Stuart & Rhonda Short, as he continues through treatment.

Care Center Residents...

- ◆ Linda Hayes, 500 Haven Drive., Apt. 104, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Charlene LaFontaine, 500 Haven Drive, Apt. 108, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Mike Meyer, Fountain Park, 1391 N. Main St., Room 130, Bryan, 43506
- ◆ Dencel Miller, 407 E Lutz Road, Room 166, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Josephine Short, 407 E. Lutz Road, Room 152B, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Alice Tedrow, 600 Haven Drive, Apt. 111, Archbold, 43502

Missions/Missionaries...

- ◆ M. – pray for a new ministry with a youth girls club; pray in March for the culture's time of fasting, praying for people to earnestly seek God; pray for building good relationships with school teachers; pray for her ongoing language learning.
- ◆ Eliot Nofziger (YFC) – pray for 7th & 8th grade students forming small groups in Archbold, students mental health, for the Holy Spirit's wisdom in guiding leaders in loving difficult youth, for Eliot as he steps into an added role – development director.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Kyle Ducey, San Antonio, TX (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy)
- ◆ Brayden Hall is now discharged from military duty and is living in Texas. (Son of Vond & Mary)
- ◆ MAJ Jared Kuntz, South Korea (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli)
- ◆ Taylor Pitts, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Shayne Pitts, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Grandson-in-law of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)

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